

Minutes of the Public Works Committee

July 10, 2008

Chair David Swan called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Peter Wolff (left at 10:15 a.m.), John Pledl (left at 11:09 a.m.), Pauline Jaske and Peter Gundrum (arrived at 8:37 a.m.; left at 10:15 a.m.).

Also Present: County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Director of Public Works Rich Bolte, Business Manager Betsy Crosswaite, Park System Manager Duane Grimm, Airport Manager Keith Markano, Airport Operations Assistant Kurt Stanich and Legislative Associate Karen Phillips.

Approve Minutes of June 12, 2008

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Pledl, to approve the minutes of June 12, 2008, corrected as follows: The vote on the first motion (page 3) read "Motion defeated: 2-4 (Swan, Meyer, Pledl, Kolb)." The vote was corrected to read "Motion defeated: 2-4 (Swan, Meyer, Pledl, Gundrum)." Motion carried: 6-0.

Approve Minutes of June 24, 2008

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Wolff, to approve the minutes of June 24, 2008. Motion carried: 6-0.

Correspondence

- Swan stated he received a call from a West Allis resident regarding unsafe night driving conditions on CTH G in Pewaukee.

Gundrum arrived at 8:37 a.m.

Chair's Executive Committee Report

Swan reviewed the items discussed at the July 7 Executive Committee meeting.

- Update Report on Economic Development Initiatives in Southeastern Wisconsin
- Ordinance regarding informational presentations at County Board meetings
- Discussion of County Library Levy Distribution Formula
- Appointments, including William Mitchell to the Park & Planning Commission and Fritz Ruf to the Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission, and various Library Board Trustees.

Future Agenda Items

- Swan stated that future meetings will be held at the Waukesha County Exposition Center
- Esler suggested meeting at UW-Waukesha
- Gundrum requested a discussion regarding a possible speed study on Beloit Road, stemming from a letter from a constituent brought forth as correspondence at the June 24 meeting.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Pledl, to approve attendance of the River Rail Transit Tour on July 24, 2008. Motion carried: 7-0.

Future Meeting Dates

- July 24, 2008
- August 14, 2008

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 163-O-023: Modify The 2008 Transportation Fund Budget

Bolte stated this ordinance appropriates additional expenditure authority totaling \$437,000 in the Public Works Transportation Fund 2008 budget for both State and County highway maintenance operations costs within the County. This is due to higher than usual snow removal requirements for January-March 2008. Crosswaite added that expenditures were increased for overtime by \$132,000; salt and sand costs by \$272,000; and plow blades by \$33,000. Bolte stated the transfer recommendations were made based upon State reimbursements and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) revenue. Bolte advised the Committee he would most likely come back to the Committee in January or February of 2009 when the State revenue picture is clearer.

Kolb asked what the cost percentage increase for salt would be over last year's price. Bolte and Crosswaite stated it is just over 11% more than last year's regular price, which was about \$37 per ton. This year it will be about \$40.50 per ton, including delivery.

Crosswaite explained the additional expenditures would be funded with State revenue reimbursements totaling \$300,000 for work performed on State trunk highway system and revenue of \$137,000 awarded from FEMA.

Bolte reminded the Committee members of the record levels of snowfall during the past winter season. Crosswaite stated this ordinance would provide enough expense authority to purchase about 3,000 tons of salt to go into the November-December season.

Jaske inquired how much salt can be purchased within the budget. Crosswaite stated that approximately 17,000 tons of salt is the average for the whole season. Jaske asked how much was actually purchased and used. Crosswaite stated that for the November-February season, about 28,500 tons of salt was used. Crosswaite explained the salt purchases were a combination of the seasonal salt at \$36.38 per ton, then \$75.67 per ton, and finally at almost \$135 per ton.

Jaske asked about using the sand/salt mixture in order to save money. Bolte explained that sand is not a deicer; it only provides more traction. They will continue to use a mixture of sand and salt as an option, but people much more prefer bare pavement. Salt does the job better and faster. Bolte stated that more consideration would be given to pre-wetting and deicing in the future. The pre-wetting has proven to be cost effective in that less salt is used. Bolte stated the department has a goal to use less salt, but safety is the number one goal. Bolte explained they are trying to find technologies that are cost effective while maintaining the high level of service that people have come to expect, but in an environmentally conscious manner.

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Jaske, to approve ordinance 163-O-023. Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss Operations and Development for the Waukesha County Airport / Crites Field

Markano introduced himself and his assistant, Kurt Stanich, who was hired in October of 2007. Markano presented a historical perspective of the Airport, including an overview of operations and development.

The presentation was continued after the discussion of the next agenda item.

Discuss and Consider Parking Changes at the Health & Human Services Center in Respect to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

Grimm stated the ADRC would be relocating to the Health & Human Services Center on July 26, 2008. He distributed a map depicting the proposed parking assignment changes and explained the additional parking is for clients, not employees. The proposed changes are two 15-minute parking areas, an additional six 90-minute parking stalls, as well as a barrier-free handicapped parking stall. Grimm stated they would monitor the parking situation once the ADRC is open to determine if the assigned parking stalls are appropriate and/or sufficient.

MOTION: Wolff moved, second by Gundrum to approve the parking changes at the Health & Human Services Center in respect to the ADRC. Motion carried 7-0.

Discuss Operations and Development for the Waukesha County Airport / Crites Field (continued)

Markano explained that the Waukesha County Airport / Crites Field is owned and operated by Waukesha County. The Airport is governed by a five member Airport Commission and managed by a fulltime airport staff. The Waukesha County Board has purview over both administrative and public service policy matters. The County Executive is responsible for administrative and management functions of the County which are not the responsibility of other elected officials.

Esler explained the background and history of the creation and formation of the Airport Commission.

Swan addressed Esler's upcoming retirement and thanked Esler for his dedication and service of twenty years with the County Board, and thirty years in total with Waukesha County.

Markano continued with the more recent history of the airport layout plan. He addressed the effects of 9/11 on the airport operations according to FAA recommendations for security. Security gates with access control were installed at that time.

Gundrum and Wolff left at 10:15 a.m.

Markano discussed the airport operations, including the air traffic control and runways. Pledl asked about staffing of the tower. Markano explained that Midwest Air Traffic Controls employs the air traffic controller, not the County. Pledl asked about the possibility of implementing an Airport user fee to create a revenue stream. Markano stated it would be difficult because the tower is not staffed 24-hours a day, and billing would be an issue. He added that General Aviation Airports, such as the Waukesha County Airport, usually have a 10 cent per gallon fee on fuel sales for added revenue.

Kolb recalled controversial issues in the past when tax levy was used for the Airport. Markano added that although Airport is supported by tax levy of about \$202,000, it is a huge asset for attracting business to Waukesha County. Markano stated that building another hanger with lease space would provide an opportunity to generate over \$100,000 in revenue. He added that last year, Crites Field was Wisconsin's 3rd busiest airport.

Markano discussed the future of the airport, including an overview of the Master Plan. He stated the current Master Plan for Waukesha County Airport extends through the year 2020. Markano stated future development of facilities, projections of aviation demands, and financial environmental issues are considered in the plan. Markano said there has been a fundamental shift in the aviation

industry, with a trend toward smaller aircraft usage. They have not seen a significant drop-off in corporate flights as might have been expected with the rising cost of fuel.

Esler recalled the issue of land constraints of the Airport in its current location. There were past considerations of moving the Airport to Merton, a more central location in relation to adjacent counties, suitable for a regional airport.

Markano discussed the declared distances as depicted on an aerial view map of the Airport. He stated more details are available in the Airport Master Plan. Repaving, repairs and replacement of the runways was also discussed.

Pledl left at 11:09 a.m.

The meeting continued as Markano and Stanich led the Committee members on a tour of the Waukesha County Airport grounds.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Meyer, to adjourn the meeting at 11:47 a.m.
Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Wolff
Secretary